

SYRIA DECLARES INDEPENDENCE; FEISAL AS KING

Mesopotamia Also Reported to Have Proclaimed Its Freedom.

ABYSMAL TO BE RULER Lebanon Figures in Arrangement for Sort of Arab Federation.

REBUT, March 8, via Constantinople March 15.—The independence of Syria was proclaimed here today by the representatives of the Syrian people. Emir Feisal was declared King, with Palestine part of the kingdom of Syria.

The Syrian banner consists of a seven-pointed white star placed in the red field of the Hedjaz flag. Two similar stars placed in the same way will compose the pennant of Mesopotamia, which is reported also to have declared its independence, with Emir Abysmal as King. Emir Zed ar Razaq is the third and fourth sons of King Hussein.

Lebanon has adhered to this programme, and apparently a sort of Arab federation has been arranged. Emir Feisal in accepting the kingship said his purpose was disinterested service.

The flag was raised and 101 guns were fired. The army passed in review. The new monarch will take the oath tomorrow as King Feisal of Syria.

RIVALRIES IN SYRIA COME TO A HEAD

Rise of Arab Kingdom and Opposition to France.

The moves which led up to the present situation in Syria are pregnant with secret diplomacy and rivalry among the Allied Powers for "zones of influence" in all the Near East. These moves were met in 1914 by a strong Nationalist sentiment among the Syrians—a sentiment which crystallized into an open demand for self-determination. In that year an Arab Nationalist committee, representing Syria and Mesopotamia, was formed secretly in Damascus. This committee drafted a programme which was communicated to Hussein Ben Ali, Grand Sheriff of Mecca. He was asked, in the event that he approved the programme, to open negotiations with Great Britain with a view to obtaining British support for the Arab military support against Turkey.

Hussein agreed to this, with the result that an agreement was entered into between the British and the Arabs, and in the summer of 1916 the Sherif attacked the Turkish garrisons in the Hedjaz, and the war between Moslems was on—Turkey on the side of the Central Powers and the Arabs on the side of the Entente.

The terms of this Anglo-Arab agreement never have been made public, although it is known of them to summarize what they meant. At the first stage of the negotiations the Grand Sherif made it clear to the British that he was not proposing to be brought under the rule of any other Power, but instead, demanded nothing more or less than that they be allowed to govern themselves and not exchange the Sultan in Constantinople for another foreign ruler.

Demands of Arabs. The Arab demands were: 1. A northern boundary line beginning at Mesina, in Adams, on the Cilician coast, and extending eastward all the way to the Persian frontier.

2. Great Britain should recognize Arabian independence in the Asiatic territory south of that line, including Mesopotamia and the entire Arabian peninsula, except the British protectorate of Aden, at the southern end of the Red Sea, guarding the eastern approach to the Suez Canal.

3. This, of course, placed all the territory south of the imaginary line from Mesina to Persia in the hands of the Arabs, closing the Syrian coast to France, where her "interest" dated from the Crusades.

It has been stated authoritatively that the British agreed to the Arabian demands, excepting those which related to the Cilician littoral to the north and that part of the Syrian littoral which is west of the four districts of Aleppo, Hama, Hama and Latakia, and the Syrian coast, Mediterranean east of Cyprus, including Beirut, the present French headquarters.

The Arabs accepted the exclusion of Cilicia, but stood fast in their demand for all the Syrian coast. Hussein flatly refused the British that while rejection of their claim to Mediterranean coast line would not prevent the Arabs from cooperating with the British in military operations against the Turks, they would not relinquish their claim and would be prepared to fight for it against all comers when the Turk was defeated.

France Considers Interests. There is no doubt but that the Arab demands were immediately placed before France by Viscount Grey, who was at that time British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. France was therefore prepared for what might follow. There is every indication that France then began an active propaganda to safeguard her "interests" in the Syrian littoral from Tyre to Alexandretta, which she now occupies. Meanwhile, too, it was authoritatively reported, Great Britain recognized France's claims in this littoral and had agreed that she have a free hand there.

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GEDDES HITS HARD AT YELLOW PRESS

Ambassador Says Certain American and British Journals Do Harm.

MUTUAL RESPECT NEEDED Tells Pilgrims in London Each Nation Seeks to Make a Better World.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, March 15.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the newly appointed Ambassador to the United States, made a sharp attack on newspapers which stirred up Anglo-American irritation, at a dinner given in his honor to-night by the Pilgrims. In the course of his speech, Sir Auckland said:

"I am no magician, nor do I know where a master magician is to be found. But of one thing I am sure, it is an essential condition of the working of the magic of peace, so necessary to save civilization, that the two great English speaking communities should sail forward in mutual respect and understanding—in naval slang—as chummy ships to the uncharted seas of the future."

Expressing the wish that "some word might here be spoken which would hasten the development of an understanding of the problems and difficulties of Great Britain and America, and the difficulties and problems of America by Great Britain," the Ambassador continued: "It does not help either respect or understanding to cry 'peace, peace, where there is no peace, or love and where there is no love, or trust and where there is no trust."

Press Dissembles Love. "I hope and believe that this is not the case with any considerable section of either of the great English speaking communities. But it would be folly, nay, criminal madness, not to recognize that there are pamphlets printed and daily and weekly papers published and circulated and read, and doubtless believed by one or both sides of the Atlantic, which dissemble love and conceal trust so thoroughly that one is forced to believe that there is neither love to dissemble nor trust to conceal in the minds of the writers, or at least in those men who pay the piper and by immemorial right call the tune."

BONUS FOR VETERANS PROMISED BY SWEET

Assures Assemblymen Bill Will Be Passed.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, March 15.—Speaker Sweet announced to-night in the Assembly that the legislative leaders are planning to pass a bill to give world war servicemen a State bonus. The question came before the House on a motion by Assemblyman McCue (Dem., Manhattan), to discharge the consideration of his bonus bill in order to open discussion.

The McCue bill would give each service man a bonus of \$100, regardless of the length of his service. Assemblyman Sweet announced that he had introduced a bill carrying out recommendations of the executive committee of the American Legion giving \$10 a month for each month of service.

Assemblyman McCue asked Speaker Sweet if the Assembly leaders expected to provide a bonus, and the Speaker replied that the Assembly would pass such a measure, action being delayed only to receive the report of the executive committee of the Legion.

Miss Margaret L. Smith, the Republican Assemblywoman from Manhattan, introduced amendments to her bonus bill to make it correspond in every particular to the suggestion of the American Legion, and it was stated that her bill may be the one to be passed by both houses and submitted to the Governor for signature.

MOSCOW REPORTS JAPANESE MUTINY

Says Soldiers Put on Red Shoulder Straps.

LONDON, March 15.—A revolt has broken out among some units of Japanese troops in Siberia, according to a wireless despatch sent out by the Soviet Government at Moscow. The soldiers ripped off their shoulder straps and substituted red straps, the despatch says.

Growth of the revolutionary movement in Korea is also reported by the despatches, which say that the Japanese authorities have made many arrests. At the same time, the Soviet message asserts, the Japanese Government is taking special measures to fight the "Communist" movement at home.

NO BUSINESS FOR GRAND JURY.

Putnam County So Peaceful Body Adjourns.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. CARMEL, N. Y., March 15.—The Putnam county Grand Jury organized, went into session, adjourned, and went home all in five minutes to-day, after reporting to Supreme Court Justice Monaghan, who opened the term of court in Carmel, that the county is so peaceful and orderly that there was nothing for the Grand Jury to do.

Justice Monaghan heard only one civil case, and then adjourned court until March 25.

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EFFECT IN LAYING-OUT THE SHOULDERS OF THE JACKET SKETCHED, FINCHLEY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH NOW CONSIDERED MOST DESIRABLE.

CUSTOM FINISH WITHOUT THE ANNOYANCE OF A TRY-ON READY-TO-PUT-ON TAILORED AT FASHION PARK

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The New England farmer says he is "out of luck" when he can have no apple pie for breakfast.

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Delicately spiced with apples, baked to a crisp, flaky crust.

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test women and children, stamp out disease, bring order out of chaos and make the world a better place for men to live in.

BRITONS CORDIAL TO RUSSIAN DELEGATES

General Strike on the Chinese Eastern Railways.

LONDON, March 15.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons Premier Lloyd George announced to-day that the Government would permit the visit of a delegation of the Russian cooperative societies, subject to the right to exclude individuals. In this connection the Premier emphasized that Maxim Litvinoff, the Bolshevik Assistant Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, could not be admitted because of a previous occasion he had taken advantage of his diplomatic privilege to engage in political propaganda in England.

Danger Among English Speaking. "The habit of criticising other nations without the slightest regard for their difficulties or fears is not confined to America and America. But it has dangers all its own when hurled from England at America, or vice versa. I venture to say that no American can feel all the legitimate pressures and considerations which help to mould every decision taken in the Cabinet room at Downing street, as I know no British would claim to have even an inkling of one-half the anxieties moulding the decisions at Washington."

The Ambassador found a parallel in the many races comprising America and the despatches, which say that the Japanese authorities have made many arrests. At the same time, the Soviet message asserts, the Japanese Government is taking special measures to fight the "Communist" movement at home.

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AN ENGLISH FOUR-PIECE SPORT SUIT FOR YOUNG MEN

In England, where men spend so much of their time outdoors, the necessity for appropriate sports clothing is obvious. Hence, English tailors and cloth merchants have given much attention to the production of models and fabrics for clothing of this sort.

We have recently received from a leading London tailor a new model especially designed for young men from 34 to 40 chest measure which we have reproduced in the identical fabrics used abroad.

Four piece sports suits—14 to 40 chest measure—consisting of sporting jacket, waistcoat, trousers and knickers. Made of imported herringbone tweeds, in suitable colors for outdoor wear.

Just received from England three new models in young men's topsuits which include a plain slip-on model, a single breasted coat with half belted back, and a full double breasted model with all-around belt.

Imported Scotch golf stockings and sweaters. Caps to match our sports clothing. "Annapolis" golf shoes.

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MILLIONS IN SIGHT SOON FOR BUILDING

Mayor Hears All Now Needed Is Labor Stability and Tax Off Mortgages.

BALKY UNIONS A MENACE Housing Problem Outlook Is Much Better, Despite Two Uncertainties.

More than enough money to meet all of New York's housing needs will flow into the construction market as soon as building mortgages are relieved of the burden of Federal and State income taxes. This was the point stressed by all of the real estate men, builders and representatives of loaning institutions at the conference called by Mayor Hylan in the City Hall yesterday to discuss the housing crisis.

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RUMANIAN CABINET RESIGNS. Chamber Cheers Recognition of Bessarabia Claim.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, March 15.—The Cabinet of Alexander Vaida-Voevod, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, resigned to-day. The King has asked Gen. Fofaia Averescu, Minister of the Interior in the outgoing Cabinet, to form a new Ministry.

The Chamber of Deputies, upon hearing that the Peace Conference had decided to recognize Rumania's claim in connection with Bessarabia, wildly cheered the reading of the message. It is stated that the Moscow Government has shown signs of admitting the claims of Rumania, and it is hoped here this may ward off difficulties on the Danister front.

GUARD FOR BELFAST JUDGES. Belfast, March 15.—Judges Dodd and Gibson in going to the Queen's Assizes at Lifford Court House to-day were escorted by police armed with carbines and revolvers. Soldiers also lined the streets. The Judges' houses are guarded night and day by the military.

Judge Dodd, in opening the assizes said that his heart bled for the police, to whose courage he paid tribute.

Sure Relief

BELLANS FOR INDIGESTION 6 BELLANS Hot Water Sure Relief

torment demands that contractors could not afford to carry out their jobs. Mr. Brindell admitted that his organization was at war with the National Iron Erectors' League, which is made up of structural steel contractors who believe in the open shop, and that none of the laborers in the Allied Council would be permitted to work on a job in which any member of the erectors' league was concerned until the latter was planning legislation along this line.

The Cuvillier bill imposes a tax of 40 per cent. on the first \$1,000 income in excess of a 10 per cent. return on the value of property and sets a graduated scale up to a 100 per cent. tax if the amount of income derived in excess of 10 per cent. amounts to \$5,001.

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PROFIT TAX BILL HITS RENT SHARKS

It Applies to Swollen Real Estate Incomes.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, March 15.—An exonerated profit tax bill to be applied to real estate incomes was introduced to-night by Assemblyman Louis A. Cuvillier of New York as a means of preventing rent profiteering in New York and other cities. The Republican programme of rent legislation probably will not be ready until next week.

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NEGRESS GETS TEN YEARS.

Emma Robinson Sentenced for Part in Dunn Murder.

EMMA Robinson, negress, accused of having plotted with Frank Kelly to murder Catherine Dunn, a 21-year-old servant girl in the home of C. S. Clark in Flatbush, pleaded guilty yesterday to manslaughter in the first degree. She was sentenced by Justice Fawcett in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to from ten to twenty years at Auburn prison.

Kelly, who had been brought from the death house at Sing Sing to testify for the people, appeared to be much disappointed. He apparently looked forward eagerly to testifying against his former companion, Emma, is 32.

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